Work 1" in St st.

Mark center st with a contrasting loop of yarn for center of skull pattern.

Cont in St st, work 6 (7, 9, 10) sts MC, work 31 sts of chart; work 6 (7, 9, 10) sts MC.

When chart has been completed, cont with MC in St st to 1" shy of desired sleeve length (approx 20").

Then work 7 rows garter st.

BO fairly loosely.

Rep sleeve on other side.

FINISHING

With RS facing, sew side and sleeve seams.

ABOUT SAMANTHA

I'm thirty years old and have been knitting for about five years. I'd wanted to learn to knit for a while, and my mom had tried to show me a couple of times, but I just never got it. A few years later when I wanted to learn again, my mom told me about a lady at the local yarn shop who was a "whiz." It took this woman about five minutes to show me all I needed to know—it turns out that my mom and I knit completely differently, and I just needed someone with more general knowledge to push me along. I ended up knitting my first swatch on the plane home, poking the man sitting next to me with my knobby needles, and I've been knitting ever since. I made a lot of scarves at first but quickly branched into more free-form knitting, an ever-shifting cycle of hats, socks, various part-warmers (leg, wrist, knee), handbags, and a custom sweater for a goose(!). Even when I'm not knitting, I work with needles: I'm a tattoo artist working in Purdys, New York.

KRISTIN SPURKLAND

Under the Hoodie

This sweater combines several of my favorite design elements: hoods, stripes, and a mix of deep red, pink, and orange. I love making sporty styles in soft, luxurious mohair—the fact gives the design more versatility. I wear this hoodie as a cover-up in my yoga and dance classes, and then pair it with a low-slung, funky skirt and my favorite red boots for nights out.

I suggest knitting this sweater on a circular needle (even though it is knit flat), because you can join new colors at either end of the circulars—especially important when you work on stripes. Also, it is easier to knit the hood on circulars than on straight needles. You'll see what I mean when you get there!

SKILLS
CAST ON
KNIT
PURL
PICK UP STITCHES
DECREASE
INCREASE
CHANGE COLOR
KNIT IN THE ROUND
3-NEEDLE BIND-OFF
SEW SEAM
BIND OFF

Sizes

Small (Medium, Large, Extra-Large)

Finished bust: 36 (40, 43½, 47½)"

Finished length: 20 (21, 22, 23)"

MATERIALS

Rowan Kid Classic (70% wool/26% nylon; 50g/151 yds)

A: 5 (5, 6, 7) skeins #825 Crush

B: 3 (4, 4, 4) skeins #819 Pinch

C: 1 (1, 1, 1) skein #827 Juicy

US 8 (5mm) 24" circular needle

Obtain gauge

US 7 (4.5mm) knitting needles

Stitch holders

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